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Red Cross Roll Call Reaches A New High Report Is Completed

The Red Cross has good reason to be proud of the results of the Roll Call in Northfield, for our people have shown their friendship and loyalty toward the cause and responded nobly to the appeal. The Roll Call committee under the splendid leadership of George W. Carr have done a fine job of the canvass and to a Press representative, he expresses his appreciation "to all who have given of their time and money to make the 1940 roll call a success." The financial results of this year's work amount to \$695.65, which is much in excess of last year of \$571.06 and of the year previous of \$525.10. Each of the past three years established record receipts. This year the Seminary responded with \$349.40 exceeding last year's contribution of \$295.21. A return has already been made to the treasurer of the Franklin County chapter, and its officials, also voicing the National council express their thanks for the hearty co-operation given by our towns people and the Seminary. The following is the list of committee members with the amounts brought in from the various districts: East Northfield, Mrs. Hubert Eastman \$11; Mrs. Neva Barber \$16.75; Miss Helen Handy \$23.50; Mrs. William Marshall \$49.50; Walter H. Waite \$7; Mrs. Fred Huber \$19; Roy R. Hatch \$31; Northfield; Mrs. William Shattuck \$49.50; Mrs. Charles Repeta \$9; Lewis W. Wood \$12.94; West Northfield: Mrs. Carol Rich \$12; Mrs. A. H. Farnum \$10; Horace W. Bolton \$2; Hotel and cottages; Mrs. A. Gordon Moody \$21; Seminary; Miss Gladys Eliothorpe; Miss Helen Proctor and students \$349.40. Reports coming in to the chapter office show an increased membership this year in nearly all towns. Mt. Hermon reports the sum of \$210.55. When final reports have been tabulated from all sources, the county chapter will make public the final figures and the total amount.

Last Alien Notice All Must Register

Alien registration for this district has been progressing for many weeks at the East Northfield Postoffice, which reports that over 100 persons have called and filed their papers. The registration will end on Dec. 26 the last day of opportunity, after which severe penalties will follow for failure to act. If you are not a citizen of the United States, you are an alien and you must file for yourself and for your children under 14. This is the last public press notice, you will receive, so be sure to attend to the matter if you have not already done so. Telephone Postmaster M. C. Skilton and make the appointment.

A Holiday Dance

Plans for the holiday dance on Dec. 27 at town hall are about completed. This affair put on annually by the Girl Scout council for the benefit of the Girls Scouts of Northfield is always looked forward to as a gala affair. This promises to be even better. The Musical Bachelors will play for the dancing from 8 to 12. Tickets are already in the hands of the Girl Scouts and may be procured from May Lanphear, Mrs. Charles Laurence or Mrs. William Marshall.

Fortnightly Today

Members of the Fortnightly will hear an illustrated lecture this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Alexander hall on "The use of glass and mirrors in home decoration." After the business session and the lecture, there will follow a social hour and members will contribute their package of gifts, to be distributed by the Health Council among the children of the community.

The Carol Services Last Sunday Afternoon Brings Christmas Near

Not only did the students at Mt. Hermon school and at the seminary enjoy the long awaited Christmas services at their respective chapels, but a large number of our townspeople, as well as out of town visitors, were present last Sunday to completely fill both edifices to capacity, at the time of the services, at Hermon Memorial chapel at five o'clock and at Sage chapel at eight o'clock. The Estey chorus, the A Capella choir and the schools choirs participated in the program, which was rendered as published in the Press of last week. The theme of the service was "peace on earth, good-will to men" and the carols were grouped around that theme. Many of the selections were folk songs written in the lands to which they were accredited and others were especially of the Christmas season, to emphasize the joy of the nationals in the birth of the Christ child. There were four selections from the well known Handel's Messiah and they were particularly well rendered. Solo parts in the oratorio were taken by Claire Mc-Lamore, Bob Darrone and Bob Kirk, took the recitative portions, in "Today is born Immanuel." The music department of both schools combined to make the service inspiring and in harmony with the Christmas spirit. The rendition was directed by Prof. M. L. Gallagher.

A Boy Scout Marker On Dr. Parkers Grave

At Mt. Hermon cemetery, last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, a Boy Scout marker, was placed on the grave of the late Dr. James Parker, who for many years furthered the work of the organization among the boys of his church and of his community at Jersey City, N. J. Almost the entire membership of the Northfield troop was drawn up in formation at the grave, in charge of Kenneth Bolton and Carlton Finch leaders. The troop appeared in their uniforms. Assistant Scout Executive Myron Smith of the Franklin Hampshire council was present and Rev. Robert Bonner Jack delivered the address. Tapes was sounded by Scout Richard Barrows. Scout Commissioner Sam Truesdell and a number of local citizens attended the ceremonies.

Henry F. Cutler LL.D. Earns An M.D. At 79

Under this heading, the Medical Pocket Quarterly of Dec. 1, publishes an article concerning Henry F. Cutler, LL.D. and now an M.D. which is most interesting in its story and content. The article is written by Dr. Allen H. Wright, the magazine was loaned the Editor for reading. The contents include much of the facts which the Press printed some time ago, but we take the liberty of quoting a few pertinent statements. "Henry Cutler was for nearly half a century, a great power in the education of American youth."

"Dr. Cutler had two hobbies, preparing boys for their life work and acquiring a medical education for himself."

"In July 1940, the University of Vienna conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Medicine."

"Late last year he was given the privilege of practicing 'without examination' on a certificate from one of Vienna's largest hospitals, and was given a guarantee from Hitler for his safety."

"The entire medical profession joins in congratulating Dr. Cutler upon attaining his goal and realization of a life long ambition."

Dr. Cutler is in good health and residing in Vienna, daily concerned with the practice of his new profession. All his friends in Northfield and elsewhere will be interested in any news concerning him.

There is an illuminated Christmas tree on the grounds of the Northfield hotel which is very attractive.

Hostel Here Plans A Holiday Reunion After Christmas

The American Youth Hostel movement will observe its 6th anniversary with a holiday reunion at the local hostel, of all hostellers, enrolled in the organization and an open invitation was extended through the publication of the winter number of the Knapsack, recently issued and distributed. For several years this holiday party has been held and with a goodly attendance. Hostellers will bring their usual necessary equipment for sleeping and getting of meals. There will be a full program of entertainment, and weather conditions permitting, many winter sports will be arranged. Of the social features, the invitations say that dancing will be provided, there will be folk singing and dancing, movies and a jubilation on New Years eve. Reservations are now being made and it appears as if many will attend this season. The party will begin on Friday, Dec. 27 and extend through Jan. 1. Already 188 reservations have been made. Clem Motten of Hartford will show movies of last summers hostel trip in South America. Townspeople are invited to call any evening.

Hermon Awards Letters To Fifty-six Leaders

At Mt. Hermon school 56 varsity letters in football, soccer and cross country were awarded Tuesday at the athletic banquet held in West hall. Twenty-six were won in football, 20 in soccer and 10 in cross country. Forty-one junior league football and 14 junior league soccer letters were also awarded.

Special guests included five alumni, all on varsity teams at Wesleyan. A summary of sports reveals another winning season for the cross country team which has not lost a dual meet in seven years; two wins, a tie and a loss for the soccer team; and a tie and three losses for the football team. In a total of 35 interscholastic contests, including aggregations other than the varsity, Hermon won 16, lost 16, and tied 3.

Students Are Leaving

Christmas vacations at the Northfield schools began this week with the Mt. Hermon students leaving campus on Wednesday. Amid hurried shouts of goodbye, happy faces, lugging of bags, and eager enthusiasm, the 540 boys took off via bus, private car, and train for their homes on their long-awaited Christmas holiday, which will continue until January 7 at 6:30 p. m.

The girls of the seminary are leaving today, Friday, by train, bus and private autos and there is considerable activity in the farewells about the campus.

Many of the students will travel some distance during the Christmas recess. Two of the Hermon boys will return to their home in Bermuda for the holidays and two boys from Porto Rico will have a Christmas reunion with their family in this country instead of returning home. Several of the Northfield seminary girls will travel to Florida and to the Middle West before they return to campus on January 8.

Christmas Service

At the Congregational church next Sunday morning, a special Christmas service has been arranged with much emphasis on the music as becoming the festival. I. J. Lawrence will direct the large choir and the sermon will be by Rev. Herbert M. Gale of the Northfield seminary. There will be several solos rendered, anthems and carols.

At the Unitarian church, special music will be rendered and Rev. Raymond Palmer, the minister will preach.

Both of these churches will have the Christmas exercises for the Sunday schools on Monday evening.



Whats Your Number New Phone Books Out

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. sent out to all telephone users last weekend, the new seasonal books, to the number of 7564 in the county. Delivery of the books was made through the mails. The books cover Greenfield, Turners Falls, Millers, Bernardston, Northfield, Ashfield, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Heath, Orange, Shelburne Falls, South Deerfield and Jacksonville, Readsboro and Wilmington, Vt. Manager Ralph Hoyt said the books show a steady increase in the list of subscribers and testify to the steady increase of general business. Millers Falls made the greatest increase in its list. Of the directories, 5200 were used in Greenfield, 780 in Turners Falls and 800 in Northfield. According to the list, Northfield has more phones per capita than other communities.

Refugee Children Coming For Christmas Holiday

The Northfield seminary will welcome on Saturday the first group of refugee children who are to spend a Christmas vacation in one of the cottages on the seminary campus. These children are coming from the homes of their foster parents in this country to enjoy two weeks of healthful change. Many plans have been made for their amusement while they are visitors on the campus and it is hoped they will return to their new homes in this country with pleasant memories of their Christmas vacation at Northfield.

Aid For Greek Relief

While no local committee is contemplated to co-operate in the aid for Greek Relief, there have been organizations formed in both Brattleboro and Greenfield, and both have named their committees to secure gifts in their respective districts. Already many contributions have been made and the Greenfield effort is contemplated for the county with Stephen G. Maniatty, as its head. Rev. John B. Whiteman will serve as treasurer. In Brattleboro the committee is headed by Mr. Latchis. Mr. Mason and Mr. Rice and the treasurer is Charles L. Stickney of the Vermont Peoples Bank. Both committees operate under authority of the National Greek War Relief, Inc., of which Gov. Harold S. Vanderbilt of Rhode Island is president. Checks may be sent to either committee from local donors.

Salvation Army Campaign Is Brought To Close

The annual campaign for funds for the Salvation Army has closed with the departure last week of the Army solicitor. Although the largest bulk of contributions were received through the mail, there were many contributions given in the house visitation. The total amount of money received will nearly approach the quota given to the community and will be forwarded to the Army headquarters this week. Some of the funds will be retained here for local use in deserving cases, some of which have already been aided. Any information concerning distress which may require attention, will be gladly received from any contributor by William F. Hoehn, treasurer, or by Ross L. Spencer, chairman.

Hear About The Stars

At the meeting of the Brotherhood of the Congregational church held on Tuesday evening, a large number of the members enjoyed a fine supper at 6:30. After a business session, Mark Livingston of Greenfield was introduced, and he spoke of astronomy and gave instruction of how to find the planets. His talk was made interesting by the use of models and drawings, aided by an electric light. I. J. Lawrence led the gathering in a period of singing the favorite songs. The speaker at the January meeting will be Paul Wilson of Mt. Hermon, who will supplement his talk with a showing of movies.

TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell and family of Lewiston, Me. will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt.

Lorraine Gingsas, daughter of Mrs. Harry Gingsas, fell on the street walk on Monday and fractured her arm for a second time.

Walter E. Hallam will speak at the meeting of the Young Peoples Forum at the Congregational church this Sunday evening and show motion pictures in color of Florida. The meeting will be held in the vestry at 7:30.

The next session of the Tuesday Bible class of women of the Congregational church will be held on Jan. 7 at the home of Mrs. J. R. Cokton.

John Wozniak, Jr. of West Northfield has been placed in Class 1A by the Mortgage district draft board in the quota for January 3.

Very Severe Storm Last Monday Morning Worst Of Season

Following a disagreeable cold spell of many days, when at night the thermometer experienced "sinking spells," last Monday ushered in a freezing rain, which covered the highways and roads everywhere and made driving extremely hazardous. Walking was very dangerous. Autos which had ventured out, found it necessary to move cautiously and only with chains or slugs. Windshields were quickly covered with ice and vision was limited. Cars skidded easily and of those on the road the movement was slow. No one ventured out anywhere unless absolutely necessary. By evening the rain and sleet had frozen to tree tops and in the wooded section, many of the birches had bent over badly and limbs on other trees had become broken. Telephone and light wires were sagging, but complete service was maintained. As the temperature rose somewhat and the rain subsided, conditions improved but only to be followed by more cold and snow. Its another chapter in local and New England climate and creates another urge to go to more warmer and sunny climes.

THE ENGLISHMAN

Born in the flesh, and bred in the bone,
Some of us harbour still
A New World pride, as we flaunt
Or hide
The spirit of Bunker Hill.
We claim our place as a separate
Race,
Or a self-created clan.
There comes a day when we like
To say:
"We are kin of the English-
man."
For under the front that seems so
Cold
And the voice that is wont to
Storm,
We are certain to find a big
Broad mind
And a heart that is soft and
Warm,
And they carry their woes in a
Loud way
As only the great souls can.
And it makes us glad when in
Truth we say:
"We are kin of the English-
man."
He slams his door in the face of
The world
If he thinks the world too bold;
He will even curse, but he opens
His purse
To the poor and the sick and
The old.
He is slow in giving the women
The vote,
And slow to pick up her fan;
But he gives her room in an hour
Of doom
And dies like an Englishman.
—(Contributed to the Pall Mall
Gazette by Mrs. Ella Wheeler
Wilcox (1855-1919).)

BOMBS FALL ON DICKENS' LONDON

The sky is flaming, bombs are raining down
And London burns! Oh, where
Is Tiny Tim,
The little cripple boy? Have you
Seen him?
Oh, Tiny Tim! In ragged suit of
Brown,
He must be kneeling somewhere
In this town,
Praying, "God Bless Us, Every-
one." His slim,
Frail body, dwarfed, and slight
Of limb,
Is tall enough of soul to don a
Crown.
Is Scrooge and Marley's ware-
house bombed? It burns?
And Marley dead? Where is Old
Scrooge, pray tell?
Bob Cratchit's home in flames
When he returns
To find our Tiny Tim alive and
Well?
Today, the great heart of the
Whole world yearns
For every Tiny Tim and Little
Nell!
—Fred Keller Dix of the Pros-
pect (Ohio) Monitor, written
Sept. 19, 1940.

Alumni Study Needs Mt. Hermon School And Make Surveys

Fourteen of Mt. Hermon's most influential alumni have been drafted for service on the school activities commission, one of the six such commissions provided for in the new Alumni association's constitution adopted last year. The new commission, which held an organization meeting in Boston recently, promises to be a source of invaluable help to the school: first, by bringing to the school the collective experience of a group of successful men; and, second, by presenting to the alumni the story of the school as seen through their eyes.

The purpose of this commission is to become conversant with the school and its program by conducting surveys from time to time on various phases of school activities, such as curriculum, work-hour, buildings, social activities, health and scholarship funds. It is suggested that two or three such surveys shall be made during each school year.

The caliber of men chosen for membership on the commission is such that experts, in almost any subject chosen for a survey, will be available. To illustrate this point: One of the surveys this year will be on the subject of school health and it will be investigated by a committee headed by Dr. Eugene L. Maines of Boston with another physician as a member of this committee; a second committee on the work-hour is headed by Edward L. Bartholomew, chief engineer of the United Shoe Machinery Corp.; while the third investigation on the subject of scholarship funds will be conducted by a committee under the chairmanship of Prof. David Sage of Milton academy.

Other members of the commission, some of whose names are well known to people of Northfield are Dr. Edgar L. Abt of Boston; Paul A. Williams of Newton Highlands; Harold V. Beattie of Woburn; Ralph Harrington Doane of Boston; Gordon K. Creighton, Brookline; Ernest S. Kavanagh, Boston; Heip E. Sutherland, Quincy; Vernon M. DeLong, Boston; Charles Deming, Swampscott; Julia Morrow, Lowell; and F. F. Gilmore, Boston.

Use Care Choosing Christmas Evergreens

There is a strong movement among the various Garden clubs of New England, and the agricultural departments of the various states to call attention to the fact that there must be a real conservation of the ground pines, holly and laurel of our section, if the plants are to survive. The New England wild flower society joins in a protest over the seeming destruction, since it is gathered in larger quantities each year to make the strings of greens, used for holiday decoration in the business sections of our communities. The Northfield Garden club has just had its attention called to the situation and will doubtless join in any contemplated action. There is also a need for the care and conservation of our woodlands and for ending the so-called traffic and bootlegging of Christmas trees. A method is being inaugurated of having all trees cut for the market for public sale to bear a tag, showing that the same has been produced, cut and marketed legitimately. The growing of trees for the market is now a regularly defined business, and those who produce, cut the trees in an intelligent manner and do not slaughter an area. At present the tagging method is voluntary, but it is winning favor. At any rate, don't trespass on your neighbors lands to steal a tree, for that is a serious offense and penalties are prescribed. Better still, watch your step, and keep a clear conscience, as you are tempted to gather the greens, which carpet the woodlands.



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TOWN TOPICS

A group of local and Mt. Hermon people have been holding gatherings for some time to consider the co-operative movement. Recent meetings have been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Fleckles at Mt. Hermon but the next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayberry Mount Hermon, January 21 at 8 o'clock.

The Greenfield Tap & Die Corp. have voted 50 cents a share on their common stock, the first dividend since 1921. A dividend of \$1.50 is declared on their preferred stock. Checks will be sent out Dec. 30 and local stockholders will be happy to have them.

Prof. J. Glover Johnson of Mt. Hermon school was the preacher at the Congregational church in Hinsdale last Sunday morning. The pupils of the Farm schoolhouse will have their Christmas tree and exercises this evening (Friday) at the schoolhouse.

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones of Vernon, have returned from a weeks visit with their son and family, Dr. Walter Jones of Providence, R. I.

The Seminary has its illuminated Christmas tree and the lights were turned on last Saturday evening. The tree stands near Stone hall and with its various colors, is a beautiful sight to behold. As in previous years, it will be admired and appreciated by many, both old and young.

L. A. Barber, Sr. of Main street and his son, Myron of Barnardston left this week to spend the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Sant Fourier have arrived safely at Jamaica. They sailed from Montreal on an English ship and Mrs. Nellie Wood her grandmother has been informed the journey was made with "blackout conditions and with the boat fully armed to the teeth." They will remain at Jamaica for the duration of the war.

Dr. Curtis Lee Laws of New York City, a summer visitor here each year will spend the winter at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Much sympathy is extended by Northfield friends to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Cole of Southbridge, formerly of Ashfield and associate of Dr. Whiteman at St. James church in Greenfield, in the loss by death of their little daughter, 6 months old, who was fatally burned by the explosion of a vapor lamp.

The Northfield second bowling team defeated the Winchester team in a game last week by 25 pins. Leonard Barnes of the locals made a high score of 308.

Northfield Grange has no scheduled meeting for this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith attended the meeting of the National Finance committee of the American Youth Hostels in Springfield on Tuesday; Wednesday Mr. Smith attended the meeting of the national executive committee in New York City. After the meeting Mr. Smith left for Buffalo, N. Y. He is scheduled to fill speaking dates and attend AYH committee meetings during the remainder of the week. He will be accompanied by Charles Harris, regional AYH director of the Middle Atlantic region.

Miss Verna Mayberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayberry of Mt. Hermon, and a member of the class of '41 at Barnard college, will participate with the glee club in singing Christmas carols in the wards of St. Luke's hospital, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr will spend the Christmas holidays at Walkill, N. Y., where with his sons, Gordon and William, they will have a family party at his old home.



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TOWN TOPICS

Everything is ready for winter sports at the Northfield hotel. The cabin has been placed along side of the pond where skating will be provided, the toboggan chute is in place and the ski trails are ready for use. All that is needed now is a spell of cold and some snow.

Postmaster Quinlan of the Northfield postoffice is busy these days cutting and sawing the wood from his woodlots. His recent ad in the Press brought orders for 25 cords.

The selectmen have caused to be placed at the intersections of many of our streets, markers naming the streets and they will prove an aid now for strangers to find the locations. They are of good size attractive and readily seen.

The dial telephone service was inaugurated at Shelburne Falls on Wednesday in a fitting ceremony. It reminds us that Northfield is next on the list and the coming summer will witness its use here.

Our various Postmasters report that the Christmas rush of business is on in the offices. A record may be established.

West Northfield and
South Vernon

Mrs. William Durfee of the Vernon Home is 87 years old this week and Mrs. Sargent is 99 years old.

Harold Gould has been taken to the Franklin county hospital for an operation and treatment for an injury to his spine which he sustained last summer.

Christmas tree exercises will be held at the West Northfield school this Friday at 1:30 o'clock.

The Friendship club enjoyed a turkey supper Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. C. L. Holton. It was Gentlemen's night, and 22 were present in spite of key traveling. Card games were played with Ralph Gerson and William Hillard winning high scores for men and Mrs. William Hillard high score for women. Chinese checkers and other games were also played.

Local young ladies expected home this week for the Christmas vacation are Miss Elva Martineau, and Miss Ruth Dunkles, Emma Murray and Marjorie Tyler.

Vernon Grange will meet next Thursday. Each person present is asked to bring a ten-cent gift.

Mrs. E. P. Edson attended the funeral of her father James Long in Lowell Saturday. Mr. Long, who was 82, had been ill several weeks. Burial was in Lexington.

Ernest Edson is very ill with grippe. His son, James, who has also been ill, is better.

Mrs. Herbert Jilson left Monday to spend the winter with her daughter, Miss Vina Jilson, in New York City. Miss Jilson came here for the weekend to accompany her mother to New York.

Mrs. Warren Dunkles is caring for the little daughter of her sister, Mrs. Beatrice Brunell.

Mrs. Alfred H. Evans, formerly of West Northfield is spending the winter at 35 Sargent street, Melrose, Mass.

Miss Ethel Miller has returned to work at Lawton hall in Brattleboro.

Peter Skib, Jr. escaped with only minor injuries when he fell recently in the tobacco barn where he was working.

South Vernon Church notices: Saturday, junior choir at 2:30; Rehearsal for Christmas exercises at 3. Sunday: morning worship at 10:30; Sunday school at 11:45; Loyal Workers at 6:30; A service of music and a Christmas pageant at 7:30. Monday: The Christmas exercises and tree will be held at 7:30 at the church. Thursday: weekly prayer meeting at the Vernon Home at 7.

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Fri. - Sat. Dec. 20 - 21

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Gene Autry - Jimmy Durante
Ann Miller

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"COMRADE X"

Oscar Homolka - Felix Bressart

Fri. - Sat. Dec. 20 - 21

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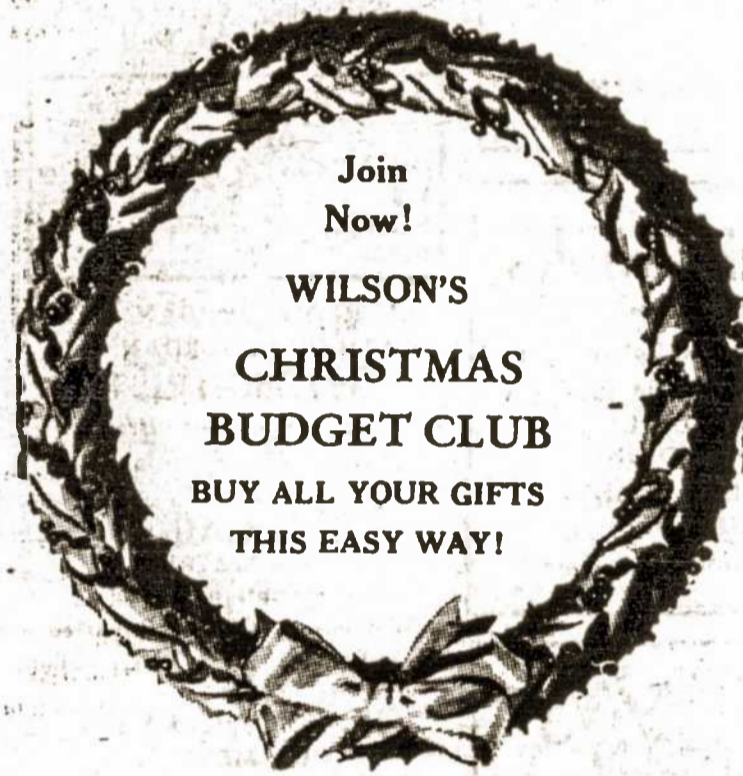
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Smith, Vassar, Wesleyan, Mt. Hol-
yoke, Connecticut colleges, and
from Brown, Pembroke, Yale,
Dartmouth, Williams and Am-
herst recently.A play based on the life of
Theodore Roosevelt was presented
at the Center school recently,
with the text written by Arlene
Finch, Kay Moody and Rua
Jones of the eighth grade.Mr. and Mrs. George Newton
of Northfield Farms have an-
nounced the engagement of their
daughter, Helen, to Phillip L.
Kavanaugh of Millers Falls.Services will be held at the
Unitarian church on Sunday at
the usual hour in the morning.
Sunday school precedes the church
service, at which the minister,
Rev. Raymond Palmer will preach.Mrs. Lawrence White and child
of Boston spent the weekend with
her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen
H. Wright.The Greenfield Women's club has
contributed the sum of \$300 to-
ward the purchase of a traveling
kitchenette for the British army
by the State Federation of Wo-
men's clubs.Mrs. S. A. Norton has been
elected president of the Women's
Missionary society of the Second
Congregational church of Green-
field. She and her husband were
formerly of Mt. Hermon.Deer hunters from town who
were successful, according to re-
port include Frank Anderson,
Clifford Sanborn, Clayton Glazier,
John and Murray Hammond, Lee
Sheldon, John Hurt and Billy
Richardson.Charles C. Stearns, secretary of
Harmony lodge was a guest at the
meeting of the Grand Lodge of
Masons recently held in Boston.Dr. Richard G. Holton and his
sister Miss Marion Holton will
spend the Christmas season with
their brother, R. Carl Holton in
Canton, Ohio.Mrs. Arthur S. Merrill of Bir-
nam road, who has been ill at the
home of relatives, is much im-
proved and rested and will spend
the winter in Brookline.Mrs. G. L. Robbins and her
daughter of Lemon Grove, Calif.,
former residents of this town are
actively engaged in the prepara-
tion of Christian literature and
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George W. Carr and Mrs. Ray
Thompson were appointed a com-
mittee by the Health council at its
recent meeting to nominate offi-
cers for the ensuing year. Miss
Anne Mattoon is president.The engagement of Miss M.
Grace Hastings of Gill to Hubert
A. Holloway of this town has been
announced. No date has been set
for the wedding.A large group of our citizens
enjoyed the supper at the Unitar-
ian church given last Friday even-
ing by the women of the church.The office of Dr. Richard G.
Holton in the Bookstore building
will be closed from Dec. 21 (Sat-
urday) until the 31st.Mrs. Emily Skert and Miss
Esther Skert represented the local
orange at the state sessions in
Pittsfield recently.Miss Emma Alexander is re-
ported as very much improved at
the home of her sister, Mrs. C.
Weister. She has been in the
care of a nurse for some time.The annual game supper of the
Greenfield Beagle club will be held
at the mansion house on Thursday
Jan. 25 at 6:30 o'clock.The next social afternoon of
the women's Alliance of the Uni-
tarian church will be on Thursday
afternoon Jan. 9 when a scheduled
program will be offered.Mrs. Mary A. Bardwell, has
closed her home on Main street
and will spend the winter in
Brookline.Mrs. Mary E. Whitman, form-
erly of St. Petersburg, Florida,
visited her son, Warren Whitman
and family at their home on High-
land Ave., last week.Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Marcy,
who have been at Providence at
the Bible Institute are making a
stay with Rev. and Mrs. A. L.
Truesdell of Bernardston, previous
to taking up work in Africa as
missionaries. Mrs. Marcy is their
daughter, and Mr. Marcy a former
resident of this town.Robert Goode who has been
ill the past week at his home on
Main street in the apartment in
the Williams block, is improving.The week of prayer will be ob-
served at the Congregational
church, the first week in January,
with a series of meetings.Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Pear-
all have returned from a vacation
in the south and are at their
home on Main street. Mr. Pear-
sall has returned to his office in Ken-
nedy hall.Mt. Hermon school Christmas
vacation began Thursday, Dec.
19 and extends to Jan. 6. The
seminary vacation is from Friday,
today to Jan. 6.At the Boy Scout meeting last
week Monday, Scoutmaster
Walter Harding directed the pro-
gram and Commissioner Sam
Truesdell conducted a compass
game. Among the boys who passed
tests were Dwight Stearns, Rus-
sell Bigelow and Richard Harris.
Clinton Holton conducted the
Apache patrol on a ski hike last
Saturday morning.Miss Josephine Moody of New
York City has purchased from
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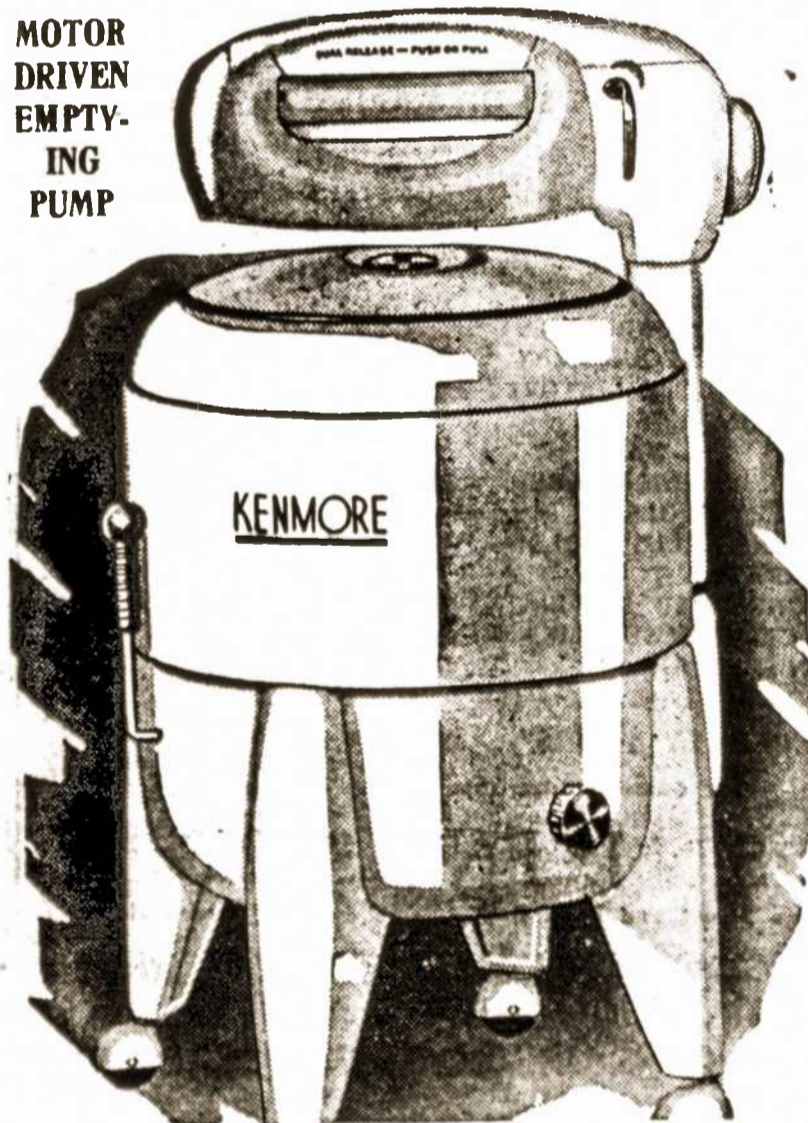
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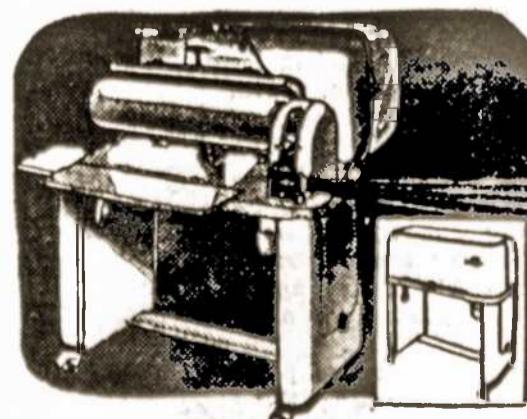
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Friday, December 20, 1940

EDITORIAL

PEACE AND GOOD-WILL

The Editor wishes one and all a very Merry Christmas. It is the time of peace on earth, good-will to men. Amid the darkness and the sorrow of the world, we may help to bring the sunshine into human lives, by not only thinking, and thinking, but by assisting the many ways offered to provide for hungry mouths, for clothing the needy, to minister to the sick and the suffering. The season calls for a devotion to justice and right, and a real support to those oppressed. Peace will come, but it will come only from unselfishness, from a true generosity in the aid of the stricken multitudes in the nations submerged in war, by the brute force of a militaristic maniac.

AID TO NATIONS

The cry is resounding throughout the land, "Help Britain! Aid Greece." And this means HURRY! It should not be a far off cry and should be heard immediately. These countries are fighting our battle, in the front line of the trenches. God give us strength and determination to respond quickly with our assistance. We must see the thing through in the cause of justice and right, and without stint or measure. This is no time for the silly nonsense of crackpots and demagogues. Better by far to end the war in its present theatre than to meet its prologue in the western hemisphere.

NO RUBBER STAMP

It doesn't look as if this is going to be a rubber stamp Congress, despite the President's precedent-breaking reelection. The final election returns were hardly in before Congress refused to adjourn—in the face of White House pressure—and passed the Walter-Logan Act, which is something the White House definitely did not want.

Significant point is that both these decisions were and could have been achieved only through a Republican coalition with a substantial number of Democrats. It is true beyond question that many Democratic congressmen are bothered by what they regard as a predisposition toward one man rule on the part of the President. The President himself has thrown no bombshells since the election, and in his statements and press conferences has taken a moderate stand.

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Oleson

It seems a long time to apple blossom time, but if you're at all interested in dwarf apples, Doc Shaw, the apple man at State College recommends that you put in your order early. If you wish very small trees the best stock is Malling No. 9. Trees on this stock will require a fertile soil and staking for the tree may not be able to stand alone. Malling No. 8 and Malling No. 3 are much less desirable, so do not accept them as substitutes.

Malling No. 1 is a stock which makes Wealthy a very small tree, but with McIntosh and probably most other varieties gives a semi-dwarf one which is only half or two-thirds the size of a standard tree—in other words, probably 10 or 15 feet high.

Malling No. 2 should prove a satisfactory stock for trees in the home grounds. Malling No. 4 with McIntosh and Wealthy make good semi-dwarf trees, coming into bearing at 3 or 4 years. No. 5 is OK for Wealthy. There are other Malling stocks, but these mentioned are the best according to Doc. Only stocks 1, 2, 5, and 9 (possibly 4) are available in nurseries.

One other very important point he said is when planting these trees be sure that you do not plant them too deep so that the base of the stem is under the ground. If this is under the ground, there is a tendency for new roots to form, and these new roots will be from the wood of the

top of the tree and then you'll have a full sized tree. Its the dwarfing roots which keep the Wealthy and McIntosh and other ordinary apples down to dwarf or semi-dwarf size.

So far as pest control is concerned, he says that if you keep the trees covered in the summer with an 85-15 dust, you will go a long way toward controlling the worst of the apple pests. An 85-15 dust means one that has 85 per cent sulphur and 15 per cent lead arsenate.

Pest control is necessary if you wish edible fruit. Of course some consideration must also be given to the soil. If the trees and plants now on your home grounds have a tendency to stop growing at the least dry spell, your land is probably too well drained for apples. On the other hand, if a hole in the ground holds water for two or three days after a rain, you need drainage. So consider those things before you go to the trouble of planting dwarf trees.

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